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Still a Secret

THE CRAFT OF INTELLIGENCE. By Allen Dulles. 277 pages. Harper & Row. \$4.95.

The cofounder and former head of the Central Intelligence Agency here discusses in detail the gathering of intelligence, with particular attention to the operations of the CIA, and, as one reads, one keeps looking for revelatory disclosines. But the essence of the CIA is secrecy, and from its founding father and longtime guiding spirit one simply is not going to get revelations.

Dulles nepeats his very brief answer to charges that the Bay of Pigs fiasco was the result of erroneous CIA reports that the Cuban populace was just waiting for a signal to begin a popular uprising against Castro. "While I have not commented on any details of the 1961 Cuban operation and do not propose to do so here," he writes, "... I know of no estimate that a spontaneous uprising of the unarmed population of Cuba would be touched off by the landing."

The Soviets, Dulles says, have had comparatively rough going in recent years in recruiting agents in the U.S. thanks to a growing political disillusionment among native Communist idealists. As for Communist China and espionage -there is a matter you seldom hear about. It is hardly possible for a Chinese to become a completely, assimilated agent in the U.S., as unobtrusive and taken-for-granted a citizen as the next man. But hold on. "The first real inroads into Occidental areas," reports Dulles, "are now being made by the Chinese in South America ... Should the Chinese succeed in such areas in recruiting Westerners of Hispanic origin as longterm agents, it will begin to be possible for them to infiltrate the U.S. and European countries.'

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